[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of *pani* or jaggery that may be normally manufactured from that yield?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) 1,60,782½ gallons, on the basis that a cocoanut or a palmyra tree yields on an average ¼ gallon of sweet toddy per day and a sago palm five times that quantity.

(*b*) Government have no information.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to obtain the information from the Director of Industries and will they encourage the manufacture of sweet toddy?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The Government will call for the necessary information.

Salary of Graduate teachers in the Education Department.

215. MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to say whether graduates in the Education Department were, on passing the M. A. examination, being given a salary of Rs. 100?

(*b*) Has this rule been abolished, and, if so, for what reasons?

(*c*) Is it a fact that some persons who have passed the B. A. & L. T., B. A. (Hons)., and M. A. examinations were appointed on salaries higher than those drawn by teachers who have passed the M. A. examination and who are already in service? If so, what are the reasons for giving the new recruits the higher salary and what is the number of such recruits?

(*d*) Is it a fact that the qualification for the post of Headmasters of English High Schools is M. A. & L. T.?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The practice was stopped as the number of M. A's in the Education Department increased.

(*c*) Yes, in some cases for special reasons. Government do not propose to collect statistics on the subject.

(*d*) The attention of the member is invited to the Public Service Notification.

MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to say the reasons for the distinction made in the case of the new-comers?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: There are any number of new-comers and Government do not propose to explain the reason in each case.

MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Is the distinction based on any principle or policy?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: There are M. A.'s and M. A.'s, and there are subjects and subjects. The fixing of the initial salary of new recruits is based not on one but on many considerations.

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